

- 07/08/58 **PRESENT:** Cllrs Mackay (in the Chair), Chilcott, Fraser, Jones and Westmaas
- 07/08/59 **ALSO PRESENT:** 9 members of the public
- 07/08/60 **IN ATTENDANCE:** Clerk to the Council.
- 07/08/61 **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:** Were approved and signed
- 07/08/62 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON AGENDA ITEMS:** Cllr Chilcott declared a personal interest in planning application 14/07/00006 because of a family connection.
- 07/08/63 **PUBLIC PERIOD:** Anybody who wishes may make representations, answer questions or give evidence relating to any matter or business being transacted at this meeting. The future format of this was discussed and it was agreed that it was best to allow this to take place throughout the meeting when the appropriate agenda item is reached.
- 07/08/64 **HIGHWAYS:**
- Surface dressing - 10th August & 13th August - A letter detailing surface dressing due to take place had been received. There was some confusion as work already appeared to have taken place in some of the areas. Noted that King William Road had not been included although it had previously been agreed that this road would be treated this year.
 - Any urgent problems arising and updates - Large hole outside Old Bakery still needs attention. There are water problems in King William Road - storm drains do not work outside Pantiles and the next house down and the grids do not work. As drainage at Wellfield and Little Trees are blocked there is a problem for properties opposite the end of King William Road. Lippetts Way sign opposite the top of Weares Lane is overgrown.
- 07/08/65 **PLANNING:**
- Cluster meeting re Catcott's agenda item and letter from Steve Atkinson - It was agreed that Cllrs Mackay and Westmaas would compile simplified details in response to this letter. These would be passed to the Clerk for transmission to Mr Atkinson.
 - 14/07/00003 - amended plan received. Information only.
 - 14/07/00004 Variation of condition 2 14/06/00005 - re mortar at land to East of 12 Manor Road - this has been refused.
 - 14/07/00006/STH - erection of new dwelling OS Field No. 9074 Little Leaze Lane - It was noted that this application fell outside the development limit of the village. It was agreed that this must therefore be objected to on these grounds alone unless SDC was fully satisfied that it would be justified as needed for the reasons incorporated in the application. If it was agreed to it was felt an agricultural tie should be included. Apart from these comments it was felt that the building is far too big; that the plans lacked a lot of detail; it would need to comply with the VDS with regard to materials; that landscaping would need to be enforced.
 - 14/07/00007/LE - Erection of 2 storey dwelling on land to South of Old School House - response had been required prior to this meeting. Clerk had consulted and replied on behalf of the Council. The reply, objecting to this application, was read to the meeting.
 - Other Planning Matters - The Clerk would chase Karen Purchase for a response to the agricultural buildings queries.
- 07/08/66 **FINANCE:**
- VDS printing arrangements - The Clerk had obtained an updated quote from Somerton Printers of £620 for 300 copies. This was to allow 50 more copies than had been quoted for originally. This was accepted. Clerk said she would pursue the matter of grants.
 - Accounts for previous financial year 2006-2007 and Governance Statement - The accounts and audit form were approved and the governance statement was considered and completed at the meeting. The forms were duly signed.
 - Cheques for signature - The following cheques were approved for signature: Chq.018 St Peter's Church (Churchyard Maintenance grant) £450.00; Chq.019 J A Marshall (Clerk's salary and expenses) £284.05; Chq.020 Polden Joinery (heritage noticeboard balance) £364.25; Chq.022 Richard Young (internal audit) £5.00.
 - Internal Audit - internal auditor had completed his audit and was fully satisfied.
 - Bank signatories - Nat West and National Savings - The Clerk advised the Council that Joyce Hamblyn's name should now be removed from the list of signatories for the accounts. This was agreed. Cllr Jones did not wish to become a signatory and it was therefore agreed that apart from the removal of Mrs Hamblyn's name the signatories should

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remain as they are: Cllrs Peter Mackay, Ronald Westmaas, Eileen Chilcott, Rachael Fraser and the Clerk Julia Marshall. Three signatures required.

f. Amenity Grant - A form for completion had been received.

g. Any other financial matters for information - Acknowledgement of subscription received from Community Council.

07/08/67 **BUILDINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST:** All councillors to consider any buildings they feel worthy of inclusion. To be considered at the next meeting.

07/08/68 **SALC:** The next meeting is on Thursday. Clerk will not be able to attend as there is an Edington Parish Council meeting that night. A form giving the Council's view on the SCC proposal for a unitary authority was completed. The council does not support the proposal.

07/08/69 **UNITARY AUTHORITY, AREA WORKING PANELS AND TEAM SOMERSET:** Any items received were in circulation.

07/08/70 **CEMETERY PROVISION:** no update. Clerk to write again to the Vicar.

07/08/71 **REVISED MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT:** copies had been passed to all councillors.

07/08/72 **CPRE:** Fieldwork was put for circulation.

07/08/73 **RIGHTS OF WAY AND FOOTPATHS:**

a. Any updates and problems to report - an overgrown tree was affecting The Standards. Clerk to write to the owner of the property on which the tree stands. An unsafe plank bridge and a collapsed stile step were reported to Cllr Fraser.

07/08/74 **REGISTER OF INTEREST FORMS:** These and notification of gift forms were provided for all councillors.

07/08/75 **BUS SIGNS:** Clerk advised Council of a conversation she had had with Howard Cliff of First Bus regarding the possible installation of 3m poles with First Bus signs on. Council unanimously agreed that these were not wanted.

07/08/76 **POLDEN HILL CLUSTER GROUP:** meeting on 20th June to include Catcott's agenda item. Representatives required to attend. It was agreed that Cllrs Mackay and Westmaas would attend.

07/08/77 **NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING:** update from John Snell, Chief Superintendent, Avon and Somerset Police - circulation.

07/08/78 **CLERK'S APPRAISAL AND NEW MODEL CONTRACT OF EMPLOYMENT REVISIONS:** to be considered at future meeting

07/08/79 **LETTER FROM IAN LIDDELL-GRAINGER:** had been copied to councillors.

07/08/80 **ANY OTHER REPORTS OR ITEMS FOR INFORMATION, CIRCULATION, DISTRIBUTION:** Victim support; What's On; Somerset Matters; Local Policing Summary. Thank you to Ron Cox for his ongoing work keeping the War Memorial area tidy.

07/08/81 **ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:** Ideas for inclusion on sheet to be sent out with VDS; Play Area swings. Apologies from Cllr Mackay.

07/08/82 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** 10th July 2007

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